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### (U) SOUTHWEST LAND BORDER

#### (U) Texas – Most Wanted Gang Member Arrested Attempting to Smuggle Narcotics

(U) El Paso – Juarez authorities are reporting the arrest of one of the border's most wanted criminals. Jesus Alfredo Martinez Mendoza, 39, was taken into custody Sunday in Juarez, Mexico, while in possession of 5-kilograms of heroin, the Juarez municipal police said. Martinez Mendoza has been identified as one of the main heroin distributors for the "Barrio Azteca" gang, which has been associated with "La Linea" drug cartel, Juarez police said. The man also known as "El Freddy" was number 6 on the list of the 10 Most Wanted criminals in the El Paso, Texas-Juarez, Mexico, region.

SOURCE: 6 January 2020, [KTSM](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) District of Columbia– Hackers Deface Government Website

(U) Washington – The homepage for the US Federal Depository Library Program was briefly altered Saturday evening to show a pro-Iranian message and an image of bloodied Donald Trump being punched in the face. A line at the bottom read, "Hacked by Iran Cyber Security Group Hackers. This is only small part of Iran's cyber ability! We're always ready." No group has claimed responsibility.

SOURCE: 5 January 2020, [CBS News](#)

#### (U) Kansas – Soldier in Bomb Case Seeks to Change Plea

(U) Topeka – Attorneys for an Army infantry soldier who prosecutors describe as a Satanist plotting to overthrow the US government notified a court yesterday that he intends to change his plea. Jarrett William Smith pleaded not guilty in September 2019 to charges of distributing explosives information and making a threatening interstate communication. A court notice shows a change of plea hearing is set for 10 February in Topeka. Smith was a private stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. He's accused of providing information about explosives to an FBI undercover agent and threatening to burn down the house of an anti-fascist.

SOURCE: 6 January 2020, [Associated Press](#)

### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### (U) Australia – 24 Arrested for Allegedly Setting Fires

(U) Canberra – Two dozen Australians in the state of New South Wales have been arrested since early November 2019 for intentionally setting fires as record-setting blazes continue to burn across the country. There have been 24 people charged with deliberately setting fires among 183 facing legal action in the state, according to the New South Wales Police Force. In addition to those facing the most serious charges of starting fires intentionally, authorities said another 53 people are facing legal action for not complying with the state's fire ban, and 47 people have faced legal action for discarding lit cigarettes or match on land.

SOURCE: 6 January 2020, [ABC News](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED****(U) Kenya – Four Children Killed During Al-Shabaab Attack**

(U) Nairobi – Four small children were shot dead while trying to take refuge from the latest al-Shabaab extremist attack in Kenya today, authorities said. A Kenyan national police statement said the attackers targeted a telecommunications mast in eastern Garissa County near the border with Somalia, where the al-Qa'ida-linked extremist group is based. Since December 2019, al-Shabaab has increased attacks inside Kenya including Sunday's attack on a military base that killed three US military personnel and destroyed five US aircraft.

SOURCE: 7 January 2020, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Nigeria – 35 Killed in Bomb Blast Targeting Bridge**

(U) Maiduguri – At least 30 people were killed in the northeastern Nigerian state of Borno after an improvised explosive device detonated on a bridge, sources said yesterday. The bomb detonated at roughly 5 p.m. local time on a crowded bridge in the market town of Gamboru that leads into neighboring Cameroon. No group immediately took responsibility, but both Boko Haram and the regional offshoot of ISIS, known as ISWAP, are active in the area.

SOURCE: 6 January 2020, [Reuters](#)

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